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SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to clarify several questions. The opposition was not, as I remember, opposed to the bill as such. The offered some suggestions. Again, as I remember, the most were for a 25 year for this antique licensing. Secondly, the Sullivan amendment, for Senator Marsh, it was suggested it be amended to 30 years. As you know, the present law now says 20 years. This would mean that there were people who would have license plates, antique license plates, but actually would not be in compliance with the new statute. He was suggesting a grandfather clause, that those people who had an automobile who qualified for an antique license of a car that was 20 years old, but because if the new statute were enacted that said 30 or 25 years, they would not be eligible for that license plate - he suggested they be given a grandfather clause, be allowed to keep the antique license plate. I think the committee felt that . . . well they didn't approve of it, naturally. Again, those people who were testifying I felt wanted a 25 year. In answer to Senator Nichol's question, in the bill, if you read it closely, it says those people having an antique license plate will not be allowed to drive that car or truck except to parades for display, and for certain occasions. They will not be on the street. It will be strictly a display machine.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I rise in support of Senator Mills' comments. I have a neighbor that has purchased two antique licenses, supposedly life-time antique license plates at the cost of \$15 a piece. I know there is an effort to have a third life-time license plate for his car. That's the question I would like to ask of Senator Kremer. Those people that do have these plates that were supposedly sold on the basis that they were for the life-time of the antique car, will they have to pay another fee for another life-time plate?

SENATOR KREMER: In answer to your question, as I understand it, we'll have rerule the the Department of Motor Vehicles. The thing of the committee was that it would carry the grandfather clause and not have to get a new license again.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I think it is a fraud on the part of the people who purchase these plates under the idea that they were for a life-time . . . for the life-time of the car. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KREMER: Several more comments. This will be my closing then, OK. Unless someone else wishes to speak, then I will yield to anyone else that may have their light on.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. Senator Stull, it is your motion. Do you wish Senator Kremer to close, or do you want to?